

A Regular Meeting of the Otsego City Commission was held Monday, May 6, 2019.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Trobeck at 7:00 p.m. with the following Commissioners present: Stacey Withee, Lauri Krueger, Brent Milhiem, and Nick Breedveld. Absent: Also present City Manager Mitchell; Finance Director Storbeck; and Fire Chief Weber.

The audience joined the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The April 15, 2019, Regular Minutes were approved as submitted.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

Robert Alway, 1012 Barton – explained to the Commission, as a Planning Commission member why he voted against the proposed amendment to the temporary sign ordinance and voiced his concern for not allowing more signage during election months.

I. PRESENTATIONS:

A. COUNTY COMMISSIONER GALE DUGAN UPDATE

Commissioner Dugan gave an update on the most recent County Commission activities and the April 28th County Commission Meeting.

B. PRESENTATION OF 2019-2020 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL – GENERAL, PUBLIC SAFETY, EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT, EQUIPMENT DEBT, AND CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS

Finance Director, Matthew Storbeck, gave an overview of the General, Public Safety, Equipment Replacement, Equipment Debt, and Capital Project Funds for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Anticipated revenues for the General Fund \$1,756,510, and anticipated expenditures \$1,936,605. Anticipated revenues for the Public Safety Fund \$ 1,195,505, and anticipated expenditures \$1,245,855. Anticipated revenues for the Equipment Replacement Fund \$231,345, and anticipated expenditures \$231,345. Anticipated revenues for the Capital Project Fund \$57,215, and anticipated expenditures \$119,670. Anticipated revenues for the Equipment Debt Service Fund \$76,280, and anticipated expenditures \$119,670.

II. PUBLIC HEARING:

III. PLANNING AND ZONING:

A. CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO AMEND SECTION NO. 18 OF THE CITY'S ZONING ORDINANCE – SIGN CONTENT – DELETING OR ADDING LANGUAGE THAT WOULD PROMOTE COMPLIANCE WITH STATE AND FEDERAL LAW AND IS CONSISTENT WITH THE CITY'S DESIRE TO PROTECT THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY ; IN RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL - MAXIMUM SIZE AND NUMBER OF TEMPORARY SIGNS, AS PRESENTED

Manager Mitchell gave an overview of the new proposed amendments to the Temporary Sign Ordinance. He stated that the City's attorney was at the Planning Commission Meeting to review the proposed amendments and why they were recommended. Manager Mitchell stated that to be in compliance, the Temporary Sign Ordinance should be content neutral – not looking

at what is on the sign, only taking into consideration the size and number of signs. A lengthy discussion took place and Manager Mitchell answered questions of the Commission. Manager Mitchell commented that the temporary signs will have to be maintained. Commissioner Milhiem moved to amend Section No. 18 of the City's Zoning Ordinance, Sign Content – Deleting or Adding Language that would promote compliance with State and Federal Law and is consistent with the City's desire to protect the health, safety and welfare of the Community; in Residential and Non-Residential - Maximum Size and Number of Temporary Signs, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Withee. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IV. ORDINANCES:

V. REQUESTS:

- A. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM THE OTSEGO VFW TO HOLD A MEMORIAL DAY PARADE ON MONDAY, MAY 27, 2019, BEGINNING AT APPROXIMATELY 9:30 A.M., AFTER THE CEREMONY AT THE CEMETERY

Commissioner Withee moved to grant the request from the Otsego VFW to hold a Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 27, 2019, beginning at approximately 9:30 a.m., after the ceremony at the cemetery, seconded by Commissioner Krueger. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VI. AGREEMENTS

- A. CONSIDERATION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH RIGHT WAY CONTROL SERVICES FOR WEED CONTROL SERVICES

Manager Mitchell gave an overview of the proposal that was received by Right Way Control Services for weed control for the downtown and City property. He stated that there will be better communication this year. He explained that this is a cost saving measure for the City and reviewed the agreement with the Commission. Commissioner Milhiem moved to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Right Way Control Services, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Krueger. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VII. RESOLUTIONS:

- A. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2019-12 - A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A BUDGET HEARING ON MAY 20, 2019

Commissioner Krueger offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Breedveld.

CITY OF OTSEGO
ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION NO. 2019-12

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A BUDGET HEARING

WHEREAS, Michigan Compiled Laws 141.436 requires a public hearing before final passage of a general appropriation act by a legislative body,

WHEREAS, Michigan Compiled Laws 141.412 requires that a notice of such hearing be given

by publication in a newspaper of general circulation at least six (6) days prior to such hearing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a hearing be held on the 2019-2020 Budget of the City of Otsego by the City Commission at City Hall at or after 7:00 p.m. local time, on May 20, 2019, and notice of said hearing shall be published at least six days prior to the hearing in the following form:

CITY OF OTSEGO
PUBLIC NOTICE
HEARING ON 2019-2020 BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that the proposed budget for the City of Otsego for the fiscal year 2019-2020 is now on file and available to the public for inspection at City Hall, 117 East Orleans Street, Otsego, Michigan.

The City Commission will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget on Monday, May 20, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the City of Otsego Municipal Building, at 117 East Orleans Street, Otsego, Michigan. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.**

CITY OF OTSEGO
2019-2020 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS
TOTALS BY FUND

GENERAL FUND	\$1,936,605
MAJOR STREET FUND	243,120
LOCAL STREET FUND	258,255
PUBLIC SAFETY FUND	1,245,855
STREET & BRIDGE FUND	60,600
SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING FUND	231,345
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	550,200
EQUIPMENT DEBT FUND	0
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	119,670
EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND	30,000
SEWER FUND	1,111,290
WATER FUND	624,535
MOTOR POOL FUND	253,380
<u>SPECIAL ASSESSMENT CAPITAL PROJECT FUND</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	
FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020	\$6,664,855

YEAS: Commissioners: Cyndi Trobeck, Stacey Withee, Nick Breedveld, Laurie Krueger, Brent Milhiem.

NAYS: Commissioners: None.

ABSTAIN: Commissioners: None.

ABSENT: Commissioners: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

VIII. APPOINTMENTS:

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

MANAGER'S REPORT

1. He gave updates on the following: Rock-Tenn, East Allegan Street - North alley, possible painting of two murals in the downtown, and the Christian Neighbors Food Drive – drop off site located at Farmers Insurance downtown.
2. He asked for further questions or comments regarding his written Manager's report submitted to the Commission in their weekly packet.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Withee – she commented that she is excited to see the back alley when it is finished.

Commissioner Krueger – she thanked Finance Director Storbeck for his presentations and for explaining all of the funds.

Commissioner Breedveld – he commended the Fire Department for the great job they did with the fire on McKinley Street. He commented that the Fire Department works well with Gun Plain and Plainwell Fire Departments and that he appreciates that.

Mayor Trobeck – she read and congratulated Fire Chief – Police Officer Weber for receiving his Masters of Public Administration – Emergency Services Management. She commended and thanked Finance Director Storbeck for the amazing job of presenting the budgets. She also commended the Police Department and Fire Department for the jobs they do.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Breedveld, seconded by Commissioner Krueger. CARRIED – 8:05 p.m.

Angela M. Cronen, MMC